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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BEIRUT
FROM USUN NEW YORK APR 18.

QUOTE USUN NEW YORK 1430.

FOR ASST SECY SISCO.

E. O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: SC MEG ON BEIRUT RAID: TWO NEGOTIATIONS WITH LEBANESE

1. AT 11:00 A. M. APR 18 AMB SCALI MET WITH GHORRA WHO
RELAYED TO US NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM BEIRUT CONCERNING CHANGES
IN DRAFT RES. GHORRA' S REPORT FOLLOWED IN GENERAL
BEIRUT' S 4547, EXCEPT HE CONTENDED GOL COULD GO NO FURTHER
THAN EXPRESS CONCERN OVER ACTS OF VIOLENCE. SCALI
IMMEDIATELY EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW SUGGESTED GOL CHANGES
DID NOT GO FAR ENOUGH BUT PROMISED CONSULT WASHINGTON.

2. FOLLOWING TELECON BETWEEN AMB. SCALI AND DE PALMA/ HERZ,
WE MET WITH GHORRA AGAIN AT 4:30 P. M. AND PROPOSED FOLL:

A) SUBSTITUTE FOLL " CONDEMNS ALL ACTS OF INTERNATIONAL
TERRORISM SUCH AS THAT AT KHARTOUM, AND ALL ACTS OF
VIOLENCE WITH ENDANGER OR TAKE INNOCENT LIVES OR INTERFERE
WITH INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION"
IN PLACE OF " EXPRESSES DEEP CONCERN OVER AND DEPLORES
ALL ACTS OF VIOLENCE WITH ENDANGER OR TAKE INNOCENT

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HUMAN LIVES ." SCALI PROPOSED IT AS OPERATIVE PARA.
B) INSERT FOLL AS PREAMBULAR PARA: " RECALLING THAT
THE AUTHORITATIVE INTERPRETATION OF THE PROHIBITION
OF THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE, THE UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED
FRIENDLY RELATIONS DECLARATION (UN RES 2625), DECLARES:
' EVERY STATE HAS THE DUTY TO REFRAIN IN ITS INTERNATIONAL
RELATIONS FROM THE THREAT OR USE OF FORCE AGAINST THE
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OR POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE OF ANY
STATE, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER INCONSISTENT WITH THE
PURPOSES OF THE UN. SUCH A THREAT OR USE OF FORCE
CONSTITUTES A VIOLATION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AND THE
CHARTER OF THE UN AND SHALL NEVER BE EMPLOYED AS A
MEANS OF SETTLING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES' ; AND ' EVERY
STATE HAS THE DUTY TO REFRAIN FROM ORGANIZING,
INSTIGATING, ASSISTING OR PARTICIPATING IN ACTS OF CIVIL
STRIFE OR TERRORIST ACTS IN ANOTHER STATE OR ACQUIESCING
IN ORGANIZED ACTIVITIES WITHIN ITS TERRITORY DIRECTED
TOWARDS THE COMMISSION OF SUCH ACTS, WHEN THE ACTS
REFERRED TO IN THE PRESENT PARA INVOLVE A THREAT OR
USE OF FORCE."

3. SCALI SAID THAT IF THESE CHANGES WERE ACCEPTED
HE WOULD BE INCLINED RECOMMEND THAT US VOTE IN FAVOR OF RES AND
WE WLD AWAIT LEBANESE JZ29-. HE EMPHASIZED OUR
DESIRE NOT TO BE FORCED TO USE VETO ON RES IN VIEW
OUR VERY SPECIAL RELATIONS WITH LEBANON. GHORRA
EXPRESSED HOPE SCALI UNDERSTAND HIS PROBLEMS.

4. GHORRA DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE TROUBLE WITH OUR
SUGGESTED PREAMBULAR SECTION BUT THEN WITH REFERENCE
TO OUR OP PARA SUGGESTION, BEMOANED FACT THAT SO FAR
HE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO BUDGE EGYPTIANS BEYOND DRAFT RES
AS IT EXISTED EVENING APRIL 17 (USUN 1384) AS AMENDED
BY USUN 1412). (WE SHALL BE SENDING CLEAN TEXT SOONEST.)

5. SCALI NOTED THAT LEBANON HAD BROUGHT COMPLAINT
TO COUNCIL AND MUST BE PREPARED, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW
OF POSITIVE ATTITUDE WE HAD RECD FROM HIS FON MIN,
TO STAND UP TO EGYPTIANS BECAUSE LEBANON' S OBJECTIVES
DIFFERENT.

6. COMMENT: QUITE CLEARLY GHORRA AND MAHMASSANI WILL
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EMPHASIZE DIFFICULTIES THEY FACE WITH ARABS HERE IN THEIR

COMMUNICATION WITH BEIRUT. WE HOPE AMB BUFFUM WILL
BE ABLE TO CONTINUE HIS SUPERB SUPPORTIVE ROLE.
WE HAVE BEEN IMPRESSED BY PROGRESS HE HAS MADE IN BEIRUT.
SCALI
UNQUOTE ROGERS

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